

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1117

By Bass

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Bethany Edith Gamble,
2008 Valedictorian of Forrest High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Bethany Edith Gamble is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Forrest High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Gamble has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Bethany has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young lady has been a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs as President of the Beta Club at her school, as Vice President for the state Beta Club, and as a member of the school band, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the French Club, the African-American Leader Conference, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Marshall County Advisory Board, the First National Bank Advisory Board, and the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and honors, Ms. Gamble has distinguished herself as a Volunteer Girls State Delegate and Chief Justice of the Volunteer Girls State Supreme Court, as a FRED Scholarship recipient, as a band state champion, and as a Division I state champion field commander for band; and

WHEREAS, Bethany's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success at Howard University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gamble's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her mother, Velmarie Gamble, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Bethany's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Forrest High School Valedictorian, Bethany Edith Gamble, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.